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TO HIS EXCELLENCY CHARLES STEWART VANE TEMPEST,
MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY,

&c., &c., &c.,

LORD LEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit the following Report and Tables concerning Irish Agricultural Labourers who habitually seek employment at a distance from their own homes, especially in England and Scotland. These Tables are in continuation of those presented annually since the year 1880, and are comparable with the statistics on this subject published in the Report on the Census of Ireland for 1841.

The Chairman of the Midland Great Western Railway has, with his usual kindness, furnished the statistics of "harvestmen" travelling over that Company's lines. The returns from the various ports have been collected by the emigration enumerators, and the information obtained at the homes of the migratory labourers has been procured by the enumerators of agricultural statistics. The results are set forth in the following statements:—

RETURN showing the Number of LABOURERS who left each of the undermentioned Ports from the 1st January, 1887, to the 31st August, 1887, for temporary employment in England or Scotland.

Ports	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total to the end of August
Ballina, -	6	5	11	11	27	46	8	6	120
Belfast, -	948	313	316	301	454	354	327	282	2,789
Coleraine, -	23	15	19	39	25	22	18	17	169
Cork, -	-	-	-	10	28	13	-	-	51
Drogheda, -	14	9	8	22	14	53	23	8	151
Dundalk, -	37	36	33	19	19	33	25	6	199
Galway, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Greenore, -	36	44	35	70	68	302	46	30	653
Larne, -	80	81	95	109	97	91	94	100	759
Larneville, -	1	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	8
Londonderry, -	214	208	190	167	344	809	308	313	2,643
Newry, -	17	12	10	24	34	74	16	8	185
Portrush, -	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	27	44
Sligo, -	13	26	44	93	69	422	116	40	1,043
Warrington, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Waterford, -	5	5	4	1	-	-	-	27	42
Westport, -	17	5	9	20	24	27	43	7	163
Wexford, -	9	1	6	10	13	15	15	11	80
Total, -	871	760	778	978	1,329	2,457	1,148	687	9,106

The following information has been obtained from the Midland Great Western Railway Company:—

NUMBER OF HARVESTMEN conveyed over the MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY SYSTEM from the undermentioned STATIONS during the Season of 1887.

Station.	Number of Harvestmen.	Parish Union.	County.
Athlone,	69	Athlone,	Westmeath.
Ballinasloe,	137	Ballinasloe,	Galway.
Woodlawn,	320	Do.	Do.
Athyry,	401	Longkesh,	Do.
Dunsmoa,	46	Roscommon,	Do.
Edgewoodstown,	5	Grassard,	Longford.
Longford,	80	Longford,	Do.
Drogheda,	33	Metull,	Lestrin.
Curick,	31	Castell-on-Shannon,	Do.
Boyle,	88	Boyle,	Roscommon.
Ballymote,	1,424	Sligo,	Sligo.
Sligo,	108	Do.	Do.
Ballyvaughan,	118	Do.	Do.
Edgewoodstown,	7	Castellereagh,	Mayo.
Ballyvaughan,	2,401	Do.	Do.
Roscommon,	377	Roscommon,	Roscommon.
Ballyvaughan,	346	Glenamaddy,	Galway.
Castellereagh,	345	Castellereagh,	Roscommon.
Ballyvaughan,	305	Do.	Do.
Ballyvaughan,	3,274	Chancery,	Mayo.
Clannorris,	1,416	Do.	Do.
Balla,	1,008	Castellereagh,	Do.
Meath,	14	Do.	Do.
Castellereagh,	1,230	Do.	Do.
Westport,	1,653	Westport,	Do.
Peckford,	2,785	Serrinford,	Do.
Ballina,	350	Ballina,	Do.
Colboney,	1,163	Sligo,	Sligo.
Kilfin,	249	Boyle,	Do.
Total,	21,355		

From the returns obtained by the enumerators of agricultural statistics it appears that there were in June of this year 12,423 persons who had either left or intended to leave their homes to seek employment as agricultural labourers elsewhere: of these, 3,487 had not left their homes at the time of the enumeration. The corresponding number for 1886 was 12,375, showing an increase of 48, or 0·4 per cent. in the present year.

From the returns collected by the enumerators of emigrants at Irish ports, together with the information furnished by the authorities of the Midland Great Western Railway, it would appear that 30,461 agricultural labourers travelled as passengers journeying to seek employment at a distance from their homes. Comparing these figures with those for 1886, it appears there is a decrease of 131.

In the Midland Great Western Railway returns a decrease is observed, for in 1886, 21,698 harvestmen were carried by the Company, whereas in 1887 the number is 21,355, or 343 less than in the previous year. The number of harvestmen who travelled over this line in 1885 was 22,610, in 1884 it was 23,500, in 1883 it was 23,111, in 1882 it was 21,422, in 1881 it was 26,367, in 1880 it was 37,639, in 1879 it was 32,679, in 1878 it was 23,880, and in 1877 the number was 23,266.

A discrepancy similar to that observed in previous years between the results obtained by the two methods is also observable in the statistics for 1887.

It has been ascertained that a considerable number of the agricultural labourers who migrate annually to England pay two visits. This is an element which it is impossible accurately to eliminate from the emigration and railway returns. On inquiry at the Midland Great Western Railway I have been informed that, "about 2,000 go twice each year," and that, "a large number remain in the counties near Dublin."

The numbers returned by the agricultural enumerators apparently (as mentioned in the Reports for previous years), represent those who habitually pursue the avocation of migratory agricultural labourers.

A review of the returns furnished by the agricultural enumerators shows that the total number of those in Ireland who pursued this particular kind of employment was, in the year 1887, 12,423, or at the rate of 2·4 per 1,000 of the population according to the Census of 1881.

As in previous Reports, the chief points of interest with regard to migratory agricultural labourers may be dealt with under the following heads:—

- I. Their distribution in Ireland when at home.
- II. Their relative proportion to the population:—
 - (a.) To the total population;
 - (b.) To the adult male population.
- III. Their social position when at home as measured by the extent of their holdings if any.
- IV. Their destination.

I.—*The distribution of agricultural labourers in Ireland when at home.*—This is shown in the following statement:—

TABLE I.—Showing for each County and Province the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers whose usual residence is situated therein; with the proportion of such Labourers to every 1,000 of the population, for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Provinces and Counties	Population in 1881.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers				Rate per 1,000 of the Population according to the Census of 1881.			
		Number in 1884.	Number in 1885.	Number in 1886.	Number in 1887.	in 1884.	in 1885.	in 1886.	in 1887.
LEINSTER PROVINCE:									
Cork County,	16,568	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dublin "	418,910	14	16	7	9	—	—	—	—
Kildare "	75,694	19	4	—	4	0.3	0.1	—	0.1
Kilkenny "	99,531	12	4	3	9	0.1	—	—	0.1
King's "	72,852	10	9	8	34	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Longford "	81,099	77	53	43	27	1.8	0.9	0.7	0.4
Louth "	77,684	115	118	89	89	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.1
Monaghan "	87,469	68	15	3	2	0.8	0.2	—	—
Queen's "	73,124	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westmeath "	71,798	7	3	—	—	0.1	—	—	—
Wexford "	125,854	9	7	1	1	0.1	0.1	—	—
Wicklow "	70,386	—	1	3	7	—	—	—	0.1
MUNSTER PROVINCE:									
Claon County,	141,457	12	24	12	22	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Cork "	493,607	118	47	84	66	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Kerry "	301,639	143	57	83	125	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6
Limerick "	189,632	22	5	—	9	0.1	—	—	—
Tipperary "	199,612	16	11	8	4	0.1	0.1	—	—
Waterford "	112,768	21	25	15	1	0.2	0.2	0.1	—
ULSTER PROVINCE:									
Antrim County,	421,943	26	36	7	7	0.1	0.1	—	—
Armagh "	165,177	632	417	319	336	3.8	2.6	1.9	2.1
Cavan "	129,476	180	97	117	97	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.7
Down "	206,683	1,590	1,603	1,410	1,988	7.7	7.8	4.6	4.0
Fermanagh "	272,107	176	126	161	67	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2
Finnagh "	84,879	33	26	13	17	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Londonderry "	164,991	104	91	42	53	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3
Monaghan "	102,748	194	148	78	24	1.9	1.4	0.8	0.2
Tyrone "	197,719	113	83	61	54	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
CONNAUGHT PROVINCE:									
Galway County,	242,605	1,415	1,387	1,213	1,077	5.8	5.6	5.0	4.6
Leitrim "	90,375	397	386	297	283	4.4	4.3	3.3	3.1
Mayo "	245,212	7,216	6,586	6,890	7,442	29.4	26.9	28.1	30.3
Sligo "	132,420	1,290	1,096	1,003	904	9.1	8.3	7.6	6.8
Sligo "	111,378	584	704	475	442	5.2	6.3	4.3	4.0
STEWART.									
Leinster Province,	1,378,980	331	226	157	182	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Munster "	1,331,115	332	169	203	210	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Ulster "	1,714,075	3,038	1,617	2,139	1,833	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1
Connaught "	821,657	10,513	10,128	9,877	10,248	13.2	12.5	12.0	12.4
Total of Ireland,	5,171,530	14,413	13,140	12,375	12,423	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.4

More than three-fourths of the entire number, namely, 10,148, are natives of the Province of Connaught. Of these, 7,442 come from the county of Mayo alone, which county furnishes over one-half of all the Irish migratory labourers. The railway returns point to a similar conclusion, as the persons who travelled on "harvestmen's tickets" from the Railway stations situated in that county amount to 14,827, or nearly one-half of the number returned by the railway authorities and emigration enumerators combined. In 1841 also, Mayo, as pointed out in the Report for 1880, was the principal source of these migratory labourers. It must not be forgotten that many who start from Mayo stations on the Midland Great Western Railway are natives of Sligo or Galway. The 7,442 returned on "Form M," Agricultural Statistics, were distributed among the various Poor Law Unions in Mayo; the principal being Swineford, 3,208; Clacmorris, 1,540; Castlebar, 1,009; the numbers being much smaller for the other unions (see Table II. and Table in Appendix). The numbers furnished by the other counties of Connaught are:—Galway, 1,077; Roscommon, 904; Sligo, 442; Leitrim, 283.

The next province in importance, as to the supply of migratory labourers, is Ulster. The total number furnished by Ulster is 1,883; of these, 1,328 (or 65·2 per cent.) are natives of the county of Donegal. The numbers furnished by the various Poor Law Unions in this county include—Glenties, 490; Dunfanaghy, 290; Inishowen, 205; Millford, 148, the other unions furnishing but small numbers. It will be observed that the numbers for the four unions named make a total of 1,142, showing that nearly all the migratory labourers of Donegal and considerably more than half of all from Ulster are natives of the very limited area along the Donegal coast comprised in these four unions. Of the Ulster counties the next in order to Donegal is Armagh, which furnishes 336, of whom 198 are natives of Newry, 45 of Armagh, and 63 of Castleblayney union. The county of Cavan furnishes 97; Down, 67; Tyrone, 54; Londonderry, 53; Monaghan, 24; Fermanagh, 17; and Antrim, 7.

The province of Leinster furnishes only 182 migratory labourers. These are principally natives of the counties of Louth, King's, and Longford, which respectively furnish 89, 34, and 27, or five-sixths of the whole number from this province. The numbers furnished by the other counties of Leinster are very small, ranging from 9 in Dublin and Kilkenny, to 1 in Wexford. There are no migratory labourers from Carlow, Queen's, or Westmeath.

The province of Munster furnishes 210. They are distributed as follows among the various counties:—Kerry, 115; Cork, 66; Clare, 32; Tipperary, 4; Limerick, 2; and Waterford, 1.

Comparing the foregoing analysis with the corresponding returns for the year 1886 it will be observed that the total number of migratory labourers has increased by 48. In the province of Leinster the numbers show an increase of 25, or 15·9 per cent.; and in Munster an increase of 8, or 4·0 per cent. In these two provinces the numbers were so small in 1886 and 1887 that they could not have any appreciable effect on the social condition of the labouring classes or on the labour market. In Ulster the number in 1886 was 2,139, while in 1887 it is 1,883, showing a decrease of 256, or 12·0 per cent. A decrease of 182 occurred in Donegal, which county is the chief residence of the migratory labourers of Ulster. On referring to the figures for Connaught, it is found that the numbers fell from 10,812 in 1884, to 10,128 in 1885, to 9,877 in 1886, but rose to 10,148 in 1887, showing an increase of 271, or 2·7 per cent., compared with the number for 1886, whence it appears that a large number of the inhabitants of Connaught still pursue the avocation of migratory labourers. Mayo still heads the list with the largest number, and shows an increase of 552 compared with the previous year.

II.—*The proportion which the migratory labourers bear to the population resident in the districts from which they come is a matter of more importance than the absolute number from any particular area.* In Table I. the proportion of migratory labourers per 1,000 of the population in 1881 is given. It will be observed that the proportion for the whole of Ireland is but 2·4 per 1,000, but when considered by provinces it is found that the proportion in Connaught is 12·4 per 1,000, in Ulster it is 1·1, in Munster, 0·2, and in Leinster, 0·1.

A more exact analysis of the numbers furnished by Connaught shows that in Mayo the proportion of migratory labourers to the population reached the large number of 30·3 per 1,000; in Roscommon it was 6·8; in Galway, 4·5; in Sligo, 4·0; and in Leitrim, 3·1.

In Ulster, the proportion reached 6·0 in Donegal, and 2·1 in Armagh, but in all other counties it was under 1·0 per 1,000.

TABLE II.—Showing by POOR LAW UNIONS the Number of MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS, &c.—continued.

Poor Law Unions.	Counties in which situated.	Population in 1881.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers.		Poor Law Unions.	Counties in which situated.	Population in 1881.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	
			Number.	Rate per 1,000 of the Population.				Number.	Rate per 1,000 of the Population.
Kildare,	Mayo,	10,126	—	—	Oldcastle,	Carson and Monagh,	20,352	13	0.6
Kilbenny,	Sligo,	44,526	90	1.3	Quinly,	Tipperary,	41,266	8	0.2
Kilbuncrana,	Waterford,	16,786	—	—	Quinly,	Galway,	28,701	5	0.1
Kilbuncroft,	Cork and Limerick,	30,518	—	—	Parsonstown,	Kerry and Tipperary,	20,861	—	—
Kilbrack,	Clon,	21,694	—	—	Parsonstown,	Galway,	22,219	—	—
Kilke,	Cork,	21,903	—	—	Parsonstown,	Dublin and Wicklow,	27,514	—	—
Kilke,	Armagh,	26,227	—	—	Parsonstown,	Wicklow,	26,461	—	—
Kilke,	Down,	15,071	27	2.4	Parsonstown,	Limerick,	25,134	—	—
Kilke,	London,	28,282	13	4.4	Parsonstown,	Galway and Roscommon,	20,482	10	0.5
Kilke,	Gloucester and Limerick,	25,001	—	—	Parsonstown,	Sligo, Queen's, and Tipperary,	21,290	—	—
Lahore,	Armagh and Down,	25,035	6	0.1	Parsonstown,	Clon and Sligo,	15,474	6	0.4
Lahore,	Armagh,	17,204	—	—	Parsonstown,	Galway, Wicklow, & Wicklow,	13,338	—	—
Lahore,	Kerry,	20,544	4	0.2	Parsonstown,	Cork,	22,209	4	0.2
Lahore,	Down and London,	21,611	6	0.1	Parsonstown,	Cork,	22,209	6	0.3
Lahore,	London,	25,514	53	8.6	Parsonstown,	Down and Tipperary,	45,083	17	0.3
Lahore,	Galway,	25,297	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	17,219	26	1.6
Lahore,	Armagh, Antrim, & Down,	22,548	15	0.2	Parsonstown,	Down,	17,219	27	1.6
Lahore,	Cork,	20,422	35	0.6	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	London,	22,629	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Cork,	22,717	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Leitrim,	28,134	56	2.0	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Cork,	27,883	143	5.2	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Down,	23,021	143	6.2	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Cork and Limerick,	13,781	5	0.4	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Leitrim,	28,008	30	0.5	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Monaghan,	20,847	6	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Galway,	17,915	229	12.6	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	King's and Queen's,	24,506	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Wexford,	35,428	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Kildare and Wicklow,	30,202	4	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Wexford,	11,531	1	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Tipperary,	20,290	1	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Limerick,	30,223	3	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Galway, Kildare, and Wexford,	27,328	—	—	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Armagh and Down,	27,227	242	2.6	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
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Lahore,	Down,	47,961	5	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
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Lahore,	Armagh and Down,	27,227	242	2.6	Parsonstown,	Down,	22,734	27	1.6
Lahore,	Down,	47,961	5	0.1	Parsonstown,	Down,	2		

TABLE III.—Showing for each County and Province the Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers whose usual Residence is situated therein; the Total Number of Males Twenty years of age and upwards, according to the Census of 1881, and the proportion of Migratory Labourers to the latter number.

PROVINCE AND COUNTY	Number of Males 20 years of age and upwards.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers in		PROVINCE AND COUNTY	Number of Males 20 years of age and upwards.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers			
		Number.	Rate per cent.			Number.	Rate per cent.		
LEINSTER PROVINCE:				ULSTER PROVINCE:					
Carlow County, . . .	12,761	—	—	Antrim County, . . .	101,138	7	—		
Dublin " . . .	118,365	9	—	Aldrough " . . .	40,750	336	0.8		
Kildare " . . .	34,202	4	—	Cavan " . . .	33,767	97	0.3		
Kilkenny " . . .	27,678	9	—	Donegal " . . .	52,565	1,228	2.3		
King's " . . .	20,949	34	0.2	Down " . . .	67,763	67	0.1		
Longford " . . .	16,458	27	0.2	Fermanagh " . . .	23,047	17	0.1		
Louth " . . .	29,470	89	0.4	Londonderry " . . .	42,893	53	0.1		
Meath " . . .	25,288	2	—	Monaghan " . . .	26,836	24	0.1		
Queen's " . . .	20,700	—	—	Tyrone " . . .	52,444	54	0.1		
Westmeath " . . .	20,539	—	—	CONNAUGHT PROVINCE:					
Wexford " . . .	34,566	1	—	Galway County, . . .	60,758	1,077	1.8		
Wicklow " . . .	19,284	7	—	Louth " . . .	22,209	283	1.3		
MUNSTER PROVINCE:				Mayo " . . .	48,463	7,412	15.4		
Clare County, . . .	36,183	22	0.1	Roscommon " . . .	33,144	904	2.7		
Cork " . . .	127,516	65	0.1	Sligo " . . .	26,934	442	1.6		
Kerry " . . .	48,070	115	0.2	SUMMARY.					
Limerick " . . .	45,863	2	—	Leinster Province, . . .	357,051	182	0.1		
Tipperary " . . .	53,851	4	—	Munster " . . .	341,252	210	0.1		
Waterford " . . .	29,379	1	—	Ulster " . . .	440,705	1,883	0.4		
				Connaught " . . .	198,508	10,148	5.1		
				TOTAL OF IRELAND, . . .					
				1,337,516				12,423	0.9

TABLE IV.—Showing, by Provinces, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, not Land-holders; also the number having Land, and the Area of their Holdings

Classification of Holdings as Statute Acres	Provinces				Total of Ireland
	Leinster	Munster	Ulster	Connaught	
No. of Migratory Agricultural Labourers not Landholders,	149	194	1,215	6,199	7,757
No. having:—					
Holdings not exceeding 1 acre,	2	—	11	19	32
Do. above 1 " 2 acres,	7	—	18	54	79
Do. " 2 " 3 " " 3 acres,	2	—	47	60	109
Do. " 3 " 4 " " 4 acres,	4	—	65	124	193
Do. " 4 " 5 " " 5 acres,	4	—	56	175	235
Total No. not exceeding 5 acres,	19	—	197	459	645
Holdings above 5 " 10 acres,	8	2	207	1,440	1,657
Do. " 10 " 15 " " 15 acres,	5	2	84	1,040	1,131
Do. " 15 " 20 " " 20 acres,	1	1	63	691	856
Do. " 20 " 25 " " 25 acres,	—	4	39	206	251
Do. " 25 " 30 " " 30 acres,	—	1	15	112	128
Do. " 30 " 40 " " 40 acres,	—	2	25	77	104
Do. above 40 acres,	—	4	55	44	103
Grand Total,	182	210	1,883	10,148	12,423

IV.—*The destination of the migratory labourers* is the next point requiring special attention. The following statement shows the destination of the Migratory Labourers from each Province:—

Provinces.	Emigrants in Ireland	England.	Scotland
Leinster,	71	94	17
Munster,	150	69	—
Ulster,	326	360	1,197
Connaught,	166	9,657	325
Total,	713	10,174	1,539

It appears that 81.9 per cent. sought work in England, 12.4 per cent. in Scotland, and 5.7 per cent. in Ireland.

A comparison of the provinces shows that in Leinster of the 182 labourers, 111 sought employment in Great Britain, and 71, or 39.0 per cent., in Ireland.

In Munster, of the 210 labourers, 60 sought work in Great Britain, and 150, or 71.4 per cent., merely migrated to other parts of Ireland.

In Ulster, of the 1,883 labourers, 1,557 sought work in Great Britain (360 in England, and 1,197 in Scotland), while 326, or 17.3 per cent., sought employment in Ireland.

In Connaught, of the 10,148, 9,982 sought work in Great Britain (only 325 of these in Scotland), and but 166, or 1.6 per cent. in Ireland.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servant,

THOS. W. GRIMSHAW,

Registrar-General.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE, DUBLIN,

7th September, 1887.

APPENDIX.

Table showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, whose usual Residence is situated therein, the Area of their Holdings in Statute Acres; the place in which they sought or intended to seek Employment, and the Number who had not left their Homes at the time (month of June, 1887) the Enumerators took the Returns.

Province of Leinster.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS	Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers not Employed	NUMBER OF MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS EMPLOYED IN LAND, AND AREA OF THEIR HOLDINGS										Total Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	WHERE EMPLOYED			Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers who had not left their Homes at the time of the Inquiry, added to the foregoing Column	
		Not exceeding 1 acre.	Above 1 and not exceeding 2 acres.	Above 2 and not exceeding 5 acres.	Above 5 and not exceeding 10 acres.	Above 10 and not exceeding 15 acres.	Above 15 and not exceeding 20 acres.	Above 20 and not exceeding 30 acres.	Above 30 and not exceeding 40 acres.	Above 40 and not exceeding 50 acres.	Above 50 acres.		In England.	In Scotland.	Elsewhere in Ireland.		
Carlow County.																	
BALRINCH, part of,	1																
CLIFF, "	1																
DOVERIDGE, "	1																
NEW RIVER, "	1																
ROSLINGHAM, "	1																
Total,	5																
Dublin County.																	
BARROWBY, "	1																
CHERRYBROOK, part of,	1																
DUBLIN, NORTH, "	1																
DUBLIN, SOUTH, "	1																
GLASSBOROUGH, part of,	1																
Total,	5																
Kildare County.																	
ST. PATRICK, part of,	1																
ST. PATRICK, "	1																
ST. PATRICK, "	1																
ST. PATRICK, "	1																
Total,	4																
Kilkenny County.																	
CULLEN, part of,	2																
GLASSBOROUGH, part of,	1																
GLASSBOROUGH, "	1																
GLASSBOROUGH, "	1																
ST. PATRICK, part of,	1																
THAMES, part of,	1																
WATERFORD, part of,	1																
Total,	8																
Sligo County.																	
FRANKFORT, part of,	35																
FRANKFORT, "	1																
FRANKFORT, "	1																
FRANKFORT, "	1																
Total,	38																
Wexford County.																	
ST. PATRICK, part of,	4																
ST. PATRICK, "	10																
Total,	14																
South County.																	
ST. PATRICK, part of,	3																
ST. PATRICK, "	66																
Total,	69																

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

COUNTY AND POOR LAW UNION	Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers in the Union	NUMBER OF MISERABLE & UNFORTUNATE LABOURERS SAYING LATE, AND AREA OF THEIR HOLDINGS.										Total Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	WORKS FOLLOWED			Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers who had not left their homes in the last 12 months, and who had not been employed in any of the following Counties		
		Not exceeding 1 acre	Above 1 and not ex- ceeding 2 acres	Above 2 and not ex- ceeding 3 acres	Above 3 and not ex- ceeding 4 acres	Above 4 and not ex- ceeding 5 acres	Total Number not ex- ceeding 5 acres	Above 5 and not ex- ceeding 10 acres	Above 10 and not ex- ceeding 15 acres	Above 15 and not ex- ceeding 20 acres	Above 20 and not ex- ceeding 25 acres		Above 25 and not ex- ceeding 30 acres	Above 30 and not ex- ceeding 40 acres	Above 40 acres		In England	In Scotland
Carik County, W.M.																		
Ballymore, part of	6																	
Carik, part of	31																	
Carik, part of	4																	
Carik, part of	4																	
Carik, part of	4																	
Carik, part of	4																	
Total,	43																	
Kerry County.																		
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Carik, part of	54																	
Total,	134																	
Wexford County.																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Total,	2																	
Tipperary Co., W.M.																		
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Carik, part of	1																	
Total,	2																	
Tipperary Co., S.E.																		
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Carik, part of	2																	
Total,	2																	
Waterford County.																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Carik, part of																		
Total,	1																	

* Comprising 2 each of 114 and 114 acres and 2 of 71 acres each.

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

Province of Ulster.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS.	Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers	NUMBER OF MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS HAVING LAND, AND AREA OF SUCH LAND.											Total Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers	Women employed			Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers who have not their names entered in any of the above
		Not exceeding 1 acre	Above 1 and not exceeding 2 acres	Above 2 and not exceeding 3 acres	Above 3 and not exceeding 4 acres	Above 4 and not exceeding 5 acres	Total Number of acres	Above 5 and not exceeding 10 acres	Above 10 and not exceeding 15 acres	Above 15 and not exceeding 20 acres	Above 20 and not exceeding 25 acres	Above 25 and not exceeding 30 acres		In England	In Scotland	Elsewhere in Ireland	
Antrim County.																	
ANTRIM, par. of.	1												3				3
BALLYCASTLE, " "	5																
BALLYMENA, " "	1												1				
BALLYMONEY, part of, " "	1																
BELFAST, " "	1																
COLLINGSIDE, " "	1																
LARGE, " "	1																
LEWIS, part of, " "	1																
LEWIS, " "	1																
TOTAL.	9							2					7		7		4
Armagh County.																	
ARMAGH, par. of.	26	1	3	5	3	1	11	7	7				45	26	19		3
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	14												17	34	14	15	10
DOUGHLIN, " "	5												13	5			
LEWIS, " "	19												18	8			5
NEWBY, " "	101	3	1	12	12	14	40	26	1	2		1	100	140	34	16	20
TOTAL.	164	4	4	25	25	16	71	52	15	3		2	386	224	73	36	35
Down County.																	
BALLYMAGUIRE, par. of.	42			9			9	8					55	5	5	65	31
BALLYMAGUIRE, part of, " "	11												10	4	2	6	4
CAVA, " "	2												2				
LOFTS HILL, part of, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
RYEGARD, " "	4												4				
TOTAL.	74	2	1	9			9	8	9	3	1		87	17	12	68	31
Donegal County.																	
BALLYMAGUIRE, part of, " "	12			1	1		2	1	1			1	30		13	7	
DOUGHLIN, " "	171		4	22	34	45	106	3	6			1	240	3	379	8	181
DOUGHLIN, " "	460		3	7	9	4	37	24	12	37		35	490	14	417	60	215
DOUGHLIN, " "	179	4	2	2		9	19	3	3	6		1	343	9	149	56	83
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
DOUGHLIN, " "	62												62				
TOTAL.	100	4	39	14	25	30	84	133	43	48	19	11	1,228	34	1,035	108	636
Down County.																	
BALLYMAGUIRE, part of, " "	7					1	1						8	1	5	1	3
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	1												1				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	1												1				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	1												1				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	6												6				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	10		1	4	1	2	21	34					41	19	3	18	15
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	3												3				
TOTAL.	37	1	4	5	6	12	18	1	1				67	34	28	28	35
Fermanagh County.																	
BALLYMAGUIRE, part of, " "	10												10				1
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	1												1				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	2												2				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	5					1	1						5				
TOTAL.	18					1	1						17	3	3	10	3
Londonderry Co.																	
BALLYMAGUIRE, part of, " "	1												1				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	13												13				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	6												6				
BALLYMAGUIRE, " "	23												23				
TOTAL.	47												43	6	37	30	31

a Comprising 1 each of 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS	Number of Migratory & other Labourers and Farmhands.	SEASONS OF MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS DURING LAST, AND AREA BY THEIR RESIDENCE												Total Number of Migratory Approved Labourers.	WHERE EMPLOYED:			Number of Migratory & other Labourers who had not yet been approved at 1st January 1888.	
		Men working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 1 and not working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 2 and not working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 3 and not working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 4 and not working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Total number not working 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 5 and not working 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 6 and not working 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 7 and not working 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 8 and not working 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Men 9 and not working 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	In England.		In Scotland.	Residence in Ireland.			
Sligo County.																			
BALLINA, part of	98	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	26	1	-	0	
BOYLE	38	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	51	4	17	0	
DRUMSIS WAT.	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	36	4	-	0	
SLIGO	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	1	-	0	
TERENURE	173	-	-	-	-	-	10	46	35	10	6	1	4	269	274	16	0	29	
Total	269	2	2	2	9	3	18	50	34	30	8	2	4	643	331	32	19		

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES.																			
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LEINSTER	140	2	7	2	4	4	19	8	8	1	-	-	-	182	94	17	71	0	
MUNSTER	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	4	1	2	223	60	-	150	0	
ULSTER	1,235	13	13	47	66	56	337	307	94	65	32	15	25	1,583	360	1,187	336	774	
CONNAUGHT	5,199	19	54	80	194	173	436	1,406	1,640	661	265	122	77	6,045	2,657	325	165	2,053	
TOTAL OF IRELAND	7,727	38	73	139	360	313	666	1,857	1,931	685	281	135	104	10,015	10,171	1,520	713	3,627	

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